

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 836
By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Earl Nall upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those citizens who, through unwavering dedication and unflagging commitment to excellence, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Earl Nall, who on March 18, 2006, will be inducted into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) Hall of Fame, a most befitting recognition of his outstanding service to Tennessee high schools; and

WHEREAS, a native of Columbia, Tennessee, Earl Nall graduated from Oak Ridge High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Lincoln Memorial University; he further pursued graduate work in statistics at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, after teaching school in Cocoa Beach, Florida, for two years, Mr. Nall served with acumen and alacrity as a valued employee of Lockheed Martin for thirty-one years until his well deserved retirement in 1999; and

WHEREAS, for the past fifteen years, Earl Nall has combined his affinity for statistics and his love of high school athletics to further advance the progress of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nall first became involved with TSSAA when he published a book that provided a statistical analysis of all football teams in Tennessee; the publication, which he continued to publish annually, soon became a fixture across the state, although coaches were sometimes heard to say that it even provided statistics that they did not want to know; and

WHEREAS, as the result of a chance meeting in 1996 at the Clinic Bowl with TSSAA Executive Director Ronnie Carter, Mr. Nall was called on to bring his talents and expertise in Web site development to create a Web site for the TSSAA; and

WHEREAS, the TSSAA Web site is now considered one of the top Web sites in high school athletics across the country, making Earl Nall a respected leader and requested presenter in the field; Mr. Nall has spoken at the National Federation Athletic Directors' Conference regarding the Web site and was a featured speaker at the NFHS 1999 summer meeting for state activities associations; and

WHEREAS, in technical terminology Mr. Earl Nall is the "Web master" of the TSSAA Web site, but in correct reference he "is" the TSSAA Web site; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious career, Mr. Earl Nall has been supported by his loving wife, Joyce Reagan Nall, and his daughter, Sara; and

WHEREAS, for the above accomplishments, his impeccable moral standards, and impressive work ethic, Mr. Nall has been selected for induction into the TSSAA Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Earl Nall, as a man of true character and commitment, exemplifies the type of selfless community servant and civic leader whom fellow Tennesseans admire for their tireless efforts to mold the State's youth, guiding them with solid principles and high standards; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we join the family and friends of Earl Nall in congratulating him upon his induction into the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Hall of Fame, honor and commend Mr. Nall for his many contributions in the area of technology in high school sports in Tennessee, and offer our thanks for the dedication that he has shown our State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.